



Application No. 09/886,773  
Reply dated March 19, 2007  
Reply to September 19, 2006 Office Action

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : David Lukton  
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Applicants : Guy W. Bemis, et al.  
Appln. No. : 09/886,773 Confirmation No. 6928  
Filed : June 21, 2001  
For : INHIBITORS OF INTERLEUKIN-1 $\beta$  CONVERTING ENZYME

New York, New York  
March 19, 2007

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to the September 19, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4) to extend the time for filing this response for four months, up to and including March 19, 2007. Thus, this response is timely filed.

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Kindly amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.